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## Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests Thunder Basin National Grassland

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### **Weston Recreation Area to reopen**

(Douglas, Wyo. August 18, 2009) – Weston Hills Recreation Area will reopen August 21 following an emergency closure on July 24 due to vandalism that destroyed a vaulted toilet.

“Members of the public have come forth with information and an investigation is underway,” said Robert Sprentall, Douglas Ranger District. “So we’re pleased that we can re-open the area in time for antelope season and continued responsible OHV use.”

The destroyed toilet remains on the site but been welded shut for safety and law enforcement reasons, and is no longer available for public use.

“After this incident, we heard from many people who care about this special area, and we certainly appreciate their support,” said Marcia Rose-Ritchie, recreation manager for the Douglas Ranger District.

The Weston Hills Recreation Area is about 9,000 acres of BLM-administered lands adjoining the Thunder Basin National Grassland. The area is jointly managed with the USDA Forest Service. Weston Hills is located 25 miles northeast of Gillette, Wyo. and is accessible via State Highway 59 North.

For more information about the management of your National Grassland, please call 307-358-4690.

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